



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

Darnella Denise Williams
Candidate for Judge of the 3rd Circuit Court
Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 4,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 7,004 signatures.

RESULT OF PETITION REVIEW: 2,613 valid signatures; 4,391 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed:		7,004
Address and jurisdiction errors by signers (incomplete or incorrect address, dual jurisdiction entry, etc.):		196
Date errors by signers (dated after circulator, invalid date such as date of birth):		23
Other signature errors (incomplete or omitted signatures, duplicates):		18
Illegible entries (Note – the <i>entire entry</i> is illegible) ¹ :		58
Signer not registered to vote or not registered in district:		457
Signature did not match signature on file:		3,630
Circulator errors (date omitted, etc.):		9
Valid signatures:		2,613

The staff review indicated that Ms. Williams' nominating petition contained 3,630 signatures of dubious authenticity where the signature on the petition did not match the voter's signature on file, was written in handwriting that was substantially the same as handwriting for other petition entries, or both. These signatures were discounted in the "signature did not match signature on file" category above.

FINAL RESULT: 2,613 valid signatures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.

¹ Entries are *not* invalidated merely because the signature alone is illegible; the basis for discounting these signatures is that *all* of the following fields are illegible, making it impossible to search for and locate a matching record for these individuals within the QVF: signature and printed name and street address/rural route.